



POLLUTION PREVENTION & THE BOTTOM LINE

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WORDS & WISDOM FROM THE NEW ENGLAND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE TEAM

Compliance Incentives Offered to Municipalities and Colleges & Universities

EPA New England is offering special incentives to municipal highway garages and colleges and universities that utilize EPA's Audit Policy. EPA's Audit Policy encourages any facility – public or private – to: conduct an environmental compliance audit; and, disclose to EPA and correct any violations that are found during the audit. For violations that are discovered during the audit and corrected in a timely manner, the penalty for violations is either eliminated or substantially reduced, if all conditions of the Audit Policy are met. EPA is offering an added incentive to municipal highway garages and colleges and universities that conduct an audit. Municipal highway garages participating in the program will receive the lowest inspection priority from EPA New England through September 30, 2002.

For municipalities, the sign-up deadline to receive the added incentives is October 30, 2001. Colleges and universities will receive the lowest inspection priority through December 31, 2002. The sign-up deadline for colleges and universities is September 30, 2001. For more information about the programs contact:

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To find out more about EPA's audit policy for municipal highway garages visit our web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region01/steward/necat>
(click on municipalities)

Visit EPA New England's College & University web site for more information about the audit policy:

<http://www.epa.gov/region01/steward/necat>
(click on colleges/universities)

Varney Appointed to Head EPA New England

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently announced the appointment of Robert Varney as Regional Administrator of its New England Office. Varney is responsible for managing EPA's air, water, and waste programs in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. Varney has been Commissioner of N.H. Department of Environmental Services since 1989. During that time, several new programs were established, including a small business technical assistance program, a pollution prevention program in partnership with the University of New Hampshire, a brownfields program and several new financial assistance programs.

Varney recently served as chairman of the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment. He is also an original member and vice-chairman of the Ozone Transport Commission. He has served as chairman of both the New England Governors Conference Environment Committee and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission. Varney also served as president of the Environmental Council of the States, the national organization of state environmental commissioners. He has chaired the NGA Superfund Policy Forum and the ECOS Superfund Workgroup.

Varney has a bachelor's from the University of New Hampshire and a master's degree from Michigan State University.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 12, 2001

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) for Wastewater Treatment Plants

University of Massachusetts

Lowell, Mass.

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

For wastewater treatment plant operators, superintendents, pretreatment coordinators and municipal officials. Find out about the benefits and elements of an EMS and how your facility can get started. Registration fee \$25. Sponsored by EPA, UMASS Lowell EMS Service Program, N.E. Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, N.E. Water Environment Association, MA DEP Training Center and Roy F. Weston, Inc. For more information contact Marge Miranda, EPA, 617.918.1825 or miranda.marge@epa.gov.

October 2, 2001

Performance Track Application Workshop

Location: TBD

9:00 a.m. - noon

The National Environmental Performance Track is designed to motivate and reward top environmental performance. This workshop is for facilities – public and private – that would like to learn more about the program and the application process. Sponsored by EPA New England. Free. For more information contact Marge Miranda, EPA, 617.918.1825 or miranda.marge@epa.gov.

October 3, 2001

Stormwater & You: Phase II Requirements for POTWs

Saco, Maine

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A workshop designed to inform publicly owned wastewater treatment plants (POTWs) about the new Phase II stormwater requirements. Treatment plants with a design flow of 1 million gallons per day (MGD) or greater or those having an industrial pretreatment program will be affected. Sponsored by EPA and state partners. For more information contact Jack Healey, EPA, at 617.918.1844 or healey.jack@epa.gov.

October 9, 2001

Stormwater Phase II Public Involvement Workshop

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, Mass.

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For communities located in the Charles River Watershed. A workshop on how to design and implement public educa-

tion and involvement programs to fulfill their obligations to reduce stormwater pollution. Free. Sponsored by EPA. For more information contact Abby Swaine, EPA, at 617.918.1841 or swaine.abby@epa.gov.

October 23, 2001

Environmental 101 for Colleges & Universities

Colby College

Waterville, Maine

7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For administrative, environmental health and safety, and faculty and facility staff. Learn more about the laws and regulations that apply to your C/U and its operations. Sponsored by EPA and the Northeast Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (NE PETE). Registration fee \$30. For more information contact Peggy Bagnoli, EPA, at 617.918.1828 or bagnoli.peggy@epa.gov.

October 23, 2001

Environmental 101 for Colleges & Universities:

Video Conference

7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Video Conference locations are all in Vermont.

Vermont Technical College

Randolph Center

Vermont Interactive Television site

St. Michael's College

Colchester

Lydon State College

Lydonville

Southern Vermont Educational Center

Springfield

Video conference of Environmental 101 for Colleges and Universities at Colby College as listed above. Please note: only the morning session will be covered. Registration fee \$15. For more information contact Peggy Bagnoli, EPA, at 617.918.1828 or bagnoli.peggy@epa.gov.

November 2 - 3

Metal Finishers & Surface Coaters Annual Conference

Hyannisport, Mass.

The American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers (AESF) and National Association of Metal Finishers annual conference. For more information contact Linda Darveau, EPA, at 617.918.1718 or darveau.linda@epa.gov.

November 15, 2001

Stormwater & You: Phase II Requirements for POTWs

Franklin, N.H.

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

See description for October 3.

November 15, 2001

NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program

Ramada Inn

Lewiston, Maine

For municipal officials, public works directors, road commissioners and contractors in Maine. Find out how you're affected by these new requirements and when they take effect. Sponsored by EPA, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Registration fee \$35. For more information contact Bill Laflamme, ME DEP, Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center, at 207.287.7726.

November 27, 2001

Wet Weather Issues for POTWs

Meridan, CT

This workshop will address wet weather issues that affect publicly owned wastewater treatment plants (POTWs). Topics that will be covered include combined sewer overflows, separate sewer overflows, sewer maintenance,

optimizing sewer capacity and stormwater Phase II requirements. Sponsored by the N.E. Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), EPA and state environmental agencies. For more information contact Jack Healey, EPA, at 617.918.1844 or healey.jack@epa.gov.

November 28, 2001

Wet Weather Issues for POTWs

Warwick, R.I.

See description for November 27.

December 4, 2001

Wet Weather Issues for POTWs

Pittsfield, Mass.

See description for November 27.

December 6, 2001

Wet Weather Issues for POTWs

Waterville, Maine

See description for November 27.

December 12, 2001

Stormwater & You: Phase II Requirements for POTWs

Millbury, Mass.

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

See description for October 3.

Application Open Season for Performance Track

EPA is now accepting applications for its Performance Track program. Facilities interested in participating in the program are invited to apply by October 31, 2001 – the close of the application period. Interested facilities are also invited to participate in a Performance Track Application Workshop on October 2. The National Environmental Performance Track is designed to motivate and reward top environmental performance. Since the program's launch last summer, over 240 facilities nationwide have been accepted as participants. For more information contact Marge Miranda, EPA, at 617.918.1825 or miranda.marge@epa.gov.

Visit EPA's Stormwater Technology Trade Show – On Line!

EPA New England's Center for Environmental Technology and Industry announces the opening of its Virtual Technology Trade Shows. Visit www.epa.gov/region01/steward/ceit and click on "Virtual Technology Trade Shows" to find the newest technologies for stormwater treatment and on-site wastewater treatment and disposal (septic systems). This site also includes extensive background information and links to state regulatory agencies in New England. If you are an engineer, planner or local decision-maker, these trade shows offer an opportunity for you to access the most current information on the technologies that are available to meet your water quality goals.

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